

the Sense of Our Duty to his Majesty, and Regard for our own U. H. J. Security, I hope this Session will be remarkable for its Unanimity and Zeal for the Protection and Happiness of this Province.

I shall Order the Lord Proprietarys Answers to your Addresses to be laid before You and also the Orders I have had the Honour to receive from their Excellencies the Lords Justices

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Wednesday Morning 2^d May 1744

May 2

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Mess^{rs} Stoughton and Gale attend with Mess^{rs} John Henry, John Purnell Thomas Robins and Parker Selby Members elected for Worcester County in Order to see them qualified who take the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly and subscribe the Abjuration and Test and then withdrew

The Governor communicated to this House the following Answer of the Lord Proprietary viz.

The Lord Proprietors Answer to the Address of the Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly in Maryland
Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

I thank you for your kind and Obliging Address and You may be Assured that the Prosperity of every part of his Majestys Dominions as a grateful and dutyful Subject, will have my most sincere Wish and Attention, but more particularly that of the Province of Maryland
C Baltimore

Given at London this 12th of August 1743

By his Lordships Command John Browning Secretary

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r attended by the Members of this House presents to his Excellency the Governor their Address which follows in these Words.

To His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland p. 3

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly
May it please your Excellency

We return You Our unfeigned thanks for the Speech you was pleased to make to both Houses of Assembly and gratefully acknowledge your not calling us together in the Winter Season as an Instance of that tender Regard inseperable from an humane Temper and Disposition, And We do Assure Your Excellency that We shall always be ready to give the strongest Proofs of our Loyalty and Duty to Our Sovereign as well as of Our Affection to Our Country,